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General Carlton D. Everhart, II
Commander, Air Mobility Command
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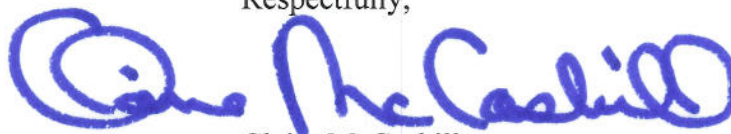
Dear General Everhart:

On my recent Security and Defense trip around Missouri, I had the pleasure to meet with the officers and Airmen of the 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph. As you know from your recent visit, the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center (AATTC) and C-130H Weapons Instructor Courses and the required personnel are not explicitly programmed in the budget. As a graduate of the AATTC, you know first-hand these unique courses, which are not found elsewhere in the Air Force, provide the opportunity for pilots and aircrews from the National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Active Duty, and Coalition Partner Nations to train on the most advanced tactics on Mobility Air Force weapons systems. Without the stable budgeting associated with programmatic funding, these courses will struggle to provide the high level of training our fliers deserve.

During an Armed Services Committee hearing earlier this month, General Goldfein provided his commitment to look into how we can provide the level of budget stability these programs require. I sincerely hope you will work with the Air National Guard to ensure these strategically important courses are explicitly programmed in the fiscal year 2018 budget and subsequent budgets. As you personally experienced, these schools not only save the lives of Airmen but are critical for the safe mobility of our forces around the world engaged in conflict.

Please feel free to contact Nick Rawls on my staff at Nick_Rawls@mccaskill.senate.gov or at (202) 224-6451 with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for your service to our country.

Respectfully,



Claire McCaskill
United States Senator

cc: General David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
General Joseph L. Lengyel, Chief, National Guard Bureau
Major General Stephen L. Danner, Adjutant General, Missouri National Guard

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Lieutenant General L. Scott Rice
Director, Air National Guard
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Dear Lieutenant General Rice:

On my recent Security and Defense trip around Missouri, I had the pleasure to meet with the officers and Airmen of the 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph. The Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center and C-130H Weapons Instructor Courses are not explicitly programmed in the budget. These unique courses, which are not found elsewhere in the Air Force, provide the opportunity for pilots and aircrews from the National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Active Duty, and Coalition Partner Nations to train on the most advanced tactics on Mobility Air Force weapons systems. Without the stable budgeting and assigned personnel associated with programmatic funding, these courses will struggle to provide the high level of training our fliers deserve.

During an Armed Services Committee hearing earlier this month, General Goldfein provided his commitment to look into how we can provide the level of budget stability these programs require. I sincerely hope you will work with the Air Mobility Command to ensure these strategically important courses are explicitly programmed in the fiscal year 2018 budget and subsequent budgets. These schools not only save the lives of Airmen but are critical for the safe mobility of our forces around the world engaged in conflict.

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